

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 18, 2022

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Robin LaBuwi called the meeting to order.

Benjy Johnson opened in prayer and Kenny Irvin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Robin LaBuwi, President; Marci Glover, Vice-President; Robby Cockrum, and Kenny Irvin. Board members absent: Mitch Bennett, Shane Cockrum and Mark Dyel.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary; and Community Members.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

Kenny Irvin made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel; Collective Negotiation Matters; and Emergency Security. Robby Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; and Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary entered into an Executive Session in the Executive Board Room at 5:02 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 5:26 P.M. Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Robby Cockrum – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, and Robin LaBuwi – yes. Board members absent: Mitch Bennett, Shane Cockrum and Mark Dyel.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary; Cole Buchanan, Student Council Representative; and Community Members.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1 Approve Minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes, July 21, 2022**
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, July 21, 2022
Special Board Meeting Minutes, August 8, 2022

5.2 Approve Financial Report (July 2022)

5.3 Approve Payment of Bills (July 2022)

5.4 Approve Final Reading Board Policy Revisions 3:52 & 5:220 (ENCL A)

5.5 Review/Approve Project ECHO & STARQuest Regional Safe School MOU (ENLC B)

5.6 Review Intergovernmental Agreement for Standby Ambulance Service

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Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Robby Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Robby Cockrum – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, and Robin LaBuwi – yes. Motion Carried. A copy of ENCL A, ENCL B, and the Intergovernmental Agreement for Standby Ambulance Service have been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson gave the following updates:

- COVID leave
- Board Member Emails
- Ameren Poles/Lighting Upgrades
- Tax Revenue Update

Mr. Docherty commented on the following:

- School Website Update
- Telescope for Students
- Chromebook Program
- Gym Floor Refinishing

7. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Assignment of Personnel Robby Cockrum made a motion to approve the MOU with the BEA to split extracurricular stipends as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this MOU has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Kenny Irvin made a motion to assign Mary Costellia as a volunteer flag/colorguard coach for the 2022-23 SY. Robby Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.2 Employment of Personnel Kenny Irvin made a motion approve the letter of resignation from Stephanie Wilson effective August 3, 2022. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robby Cockrum made a motion approve the letter of resignation from Viola Edwards effective August 5, 2022. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kenny Irvin made a motion employ Cheryl Ort as a full time cook for the 2022-23 school year. Robby Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.3 Review/Approve 2022-23 Tentative Budget and Set Hearing Date Marci Glover made a motion to approve the tentative budget as presented and set the hearing for 4:45 P.M on 9-22-2022. Robby Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

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9.4 Review/Approve Proposal to Increase Per Diem Meal Rates for Extra-curricular Post Season Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the per diem meal rates for extra-curricular post-season events as presented. Robby Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS

11. ADJOURNMENT Robby Cockrum made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 P.M. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY